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8. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Talked to Bob Carlstrom, OMB on H.R. 214, a bill concerning access to financial records and mail cover. Carlstrom told me that the Administration was opposing the bill, that the Department of Justice and the Department of the Treasury had sent letters directly to the House Judiciary Committee in opposition to the bill, but that neither of these letters reflected the foreign intelligence concerns of the Agency. He said he had no problem with the Agency approaching sympathetic Congressmen on the Committee to express the Agency's concerns, and asked that if we did so we send a copy of the relevant material to him. He also suggested I call Ken Lazarus, at the White House, who apparently is working on the Administration's position on H.R. 214.

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13. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Bob Carlstrom, OMB, called for information on H.R. 214, a bill on Government access to financial records pending before the House Judiciary Committee. He said that several Executive agencies had suddenly become concerned over this legislation and that he had never heard of it before. I described the genesis of the bill and the efforts that we have been making to date to improve it. I told him that we were planning to continue very low key efforts in opposition to the bill, but that I understood from Jim Wenzel, at the Department of Justice, that Justice was going to take a strong position against it.

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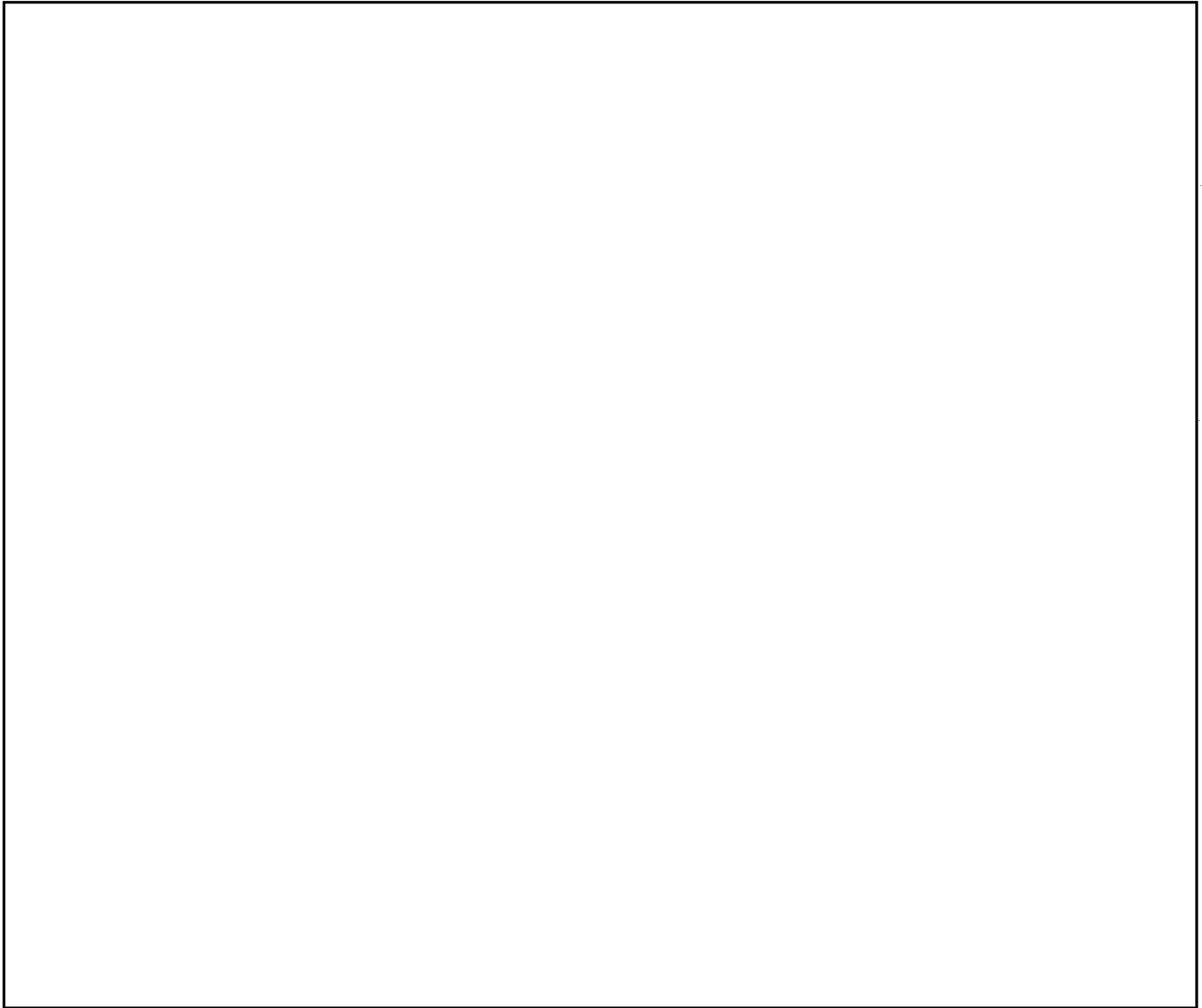
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16. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Talked with James MacRae, from OMB, to inform him that I would be unable to meet with him today as scheduled regarding the Agency views letter on S. 2925, the zero-base budget review bill. We rescheduled the meeting for the morning of Monday, 24 May.

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1. [] LIAISON George Gilbert, OMB, called to ask for Agency clearance of Department of the Treasury's testimony on Law of the Sea to be delivered this week before two congressional committees. I told him if he did not hear from me by 2:00 p.m. this afternoon that the Agency had no objections. I then advised [] OGCR, on the Law of the Sea Task Force, who told me that the Agency did not have problems with Treasury's testimony.

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14. [REDACTED] LEGISLATION Spoke with James MacRae, from the Office of Management and Budget, regarding developments on S.2925 (zero-base budget review). Mr. MacRae said that OMB was still opposed to the bill because of its comprehensive and indiscriminate application to all Executive agencies and programs. He also agreed with me that the bill's prospects had improved since our last discussion in April. He informed me that he would be out of town late next week so I agreed that I would make every effort to provide him with our views letter on the bill by next Wednesday.

Spoke with Mr. Ted Fafaglia, the new Minority Counsel on the Subcommittee on Intergovernmental Relations, Senate Government Operations Committee, regarding S.2925. Mr. Fafaglia said that he was "optimistic" on the bill's prospects. After briefly noting to him our opposition to the bill, he agreed that it would be worthwhile to get together for a discussion as soon as possible next week. Regarding an exemption for the CIA, he said that "something probably could be worked out."

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5. [] LEGISLATION Discussed with Bob Carlstrom, OMB, sending the Agency's report on S. 796, amending the Administrative Procedure Act, to the Administrative Conference. We agreed that it would be appropriate and perhaps helpful if the Agency did provide it to them.

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6. [] LEGISLATION George Gilbert, ~~OMB~~,
called and requested Agency comments on proposed State Department
testimony on deep seabed mining, which will be delivered before two
committees next week. He said that if he did not hear anything from
us by 10:00 a.m. Friday, 14 May, he would assume we had no problems
with the testimony. I advised [] OGCR, who is on
the Law of the Sea Task Force.

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